Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Don Kraus has devoted 33 years, 8 months, and 13 days of his career helping to develop a safe and efficient transportation system in South Dakota by performing several duties within the Department of Transportation; and,

Whereas, During his career with the Department of Transportation, Don has given exemplary performance in a number of positions beginning as an engineer in Chamberlain, aviation planner in Pierre, senior engineer in Mobridge, and most recently in the Custer area where he has served as the area engineer for the past 18 years; and,

Whereas, Don single-handedly linked the nation together through the design and construction of the Chamberlain bridge over the Missouri River, and that stretch of I-90 through the "Manganese Hills"; and,

Whereas, Don has led the charge in improving a majority of the state highways in the Southern Hills from goat trails, to gravel, to the multilane corridors we now have; and,

Whereas, It has now come time for Don to retire in order to spend more time with his wife, Karen, and his children, Brian, Lori and Jeff; and,

Whereas, Don will now have the time to return to ranching where perhaps he could raise an entire herd of donkeys, and share stories of the old days, and although he is aware he has told these stories before, he will tell them again; and,

Whereas, it is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many accomplishments and years of service of this outstanding South Dakotan:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2004, as

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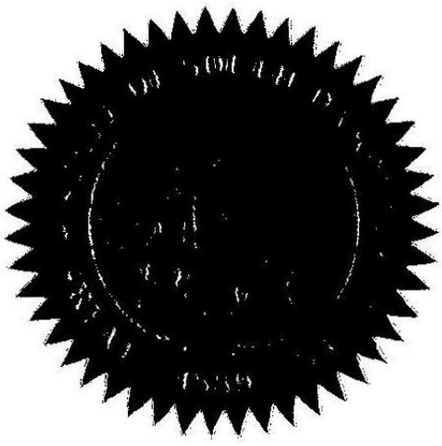
in South Dakota, and I join his family and his many friends from the South Dakota Department of Transportation in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State